

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 20-25 are new.

Support for each new and amended claim is found at the originally filed claims and throughout the originally filed specification.

No new matter is believed to have been added.

Applicants thank Examiner Sackey for allowing Claims 16-17.

The objection to Claim 8 is obviated by the amendment of Claim 8. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

The enablement rejection of Claim 8 is obviated by the amendment of Claim 8 to remove the terms “solvate” and “prodrug.” Withdrawal of the enablement rejection is respectfully requested.

The anticipation rejection of Claims 1-8 as being unpatentable in view of Tsuruoka is respectfully traversed, because Tsuruoka does not describe or suggest every feature of present Claim 1 and the claims depending therefrom.

Present Claim 1 has been amended to recite, in part, “A method of increasing platelets in a human, the method comprising administering an isolated compound or its salt to the human in an amount sufficient to increase the platelets in the human...”

Applicants respectfully submit that Tsuruoka does not describe or suggest increasing platelets in a human by administering an isolated compound or its salt.

Withdrawal of the anticipation rejection is respectfully requested.

Because the claims are deemed in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of the withdrawn claims.

Applicants submit the present application is now in condition for allowance. Early notification to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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